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Threats to School Grounds **UPDATE-ARREST******

On October 21, 2018 at approximately 7:14 p.m., the Manassas City Police Department received information about a threat to Manassas City Schools. Through investigation it was determined a threat was made on social media directed towards students and faculty at Osbourn High School and Baldwin Elementary School. An image of an assault rifle was also attached to the post. Detectives identified and arrested a 15-year-old resident of Manassas in connection with the case. The suspect was also identified as being a 9th grade student at Osbourn High School. Investigators discovered the threats were **NOT CREDIBLE** and the suspect **DID NOT** have the means to carry out the threat. The photograph depicted in the threatening post was not taken by the suspect and was obtained via the internet. Investigators determined the suspect was acting alone and there were no other individuals involved in the incident. The suspect was charged with two felony counts of making threats to commit serious harm to persons on school property and is currently being held without bond. There will be continued police presence at Manassas City schools throughout the day.

Arrested: 15-year-old resident of Manassas

Charges: Threats to commit Serious Bodily Harm to Persons on School Property (x2)

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****UPDATE**-ARREST**

Through investigation, detectives and officers have identified and located a suspect in reference to the social media threat against Osbourn High School and Baldwin Elementary School that was posted on Instagram. A suspect is currently being held in police custody with criminal charges pending. We will continue to provide any additional updates if/when they become available.

Threat to Schools

This evening, the Manassas City Police Department was notified of a threat against Osbourn High School and Baldwin Elementary School. The threat was made over the social media platform Instagram. Members of the Patrol Services Division and Investigative Services Division are actively investigating the situation. The investigation is in the very early stages. As a precaution, there will be increased police presence at both campuses tomorrow. We will keep everyone updated if/when more information becomes available

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